THE YOUNG LADY WITH A MOTHER.

I sometimes think that there is a mighty amount of surreptitious heroism in the world. Especially in the narrow sphere allotted to women, does one often find indomitable traits of pluck, nerve, energy, which might have made an actual historic fame for their possessors if directed in channels of philanthropy, ethics, or even, let us say, of rightcons revolt. But feminine capability is too often like a plant of hardy and wholesome vigor, that instead of striking deep roots into as much rich earth as it may choose for sustenance, must bound its desires by the cylindrical duress of a common flower-pot. It frequently does very well in the flower pot; it thrives there with a wondrous thrift; it unfolds for us leafage of unrivalled texture, and stars its greenery with perfect blooms. But we feel, nevertheless, how stouter might have been the fibres of its stem, how much more luxuriant and assertive the whole personality of the plant.

Miss Fanny Williams has always suggested to me this idea of cramped opportunities. I have always she had made her presence quite unavoidable. thought that she did wonderfully well in her flowerpot, but have concluded that she would have flourished more brilliantly, if not better, in a wide, unrestricted soil. I am afraid that those who care to observe this little fragment which I shall now present from her brave and noteworthy biography. will be prone to accuse me of very cynic and worldly views. They will declare her as duteous in her way as if she had been a new Jeanne d'Arc. But after all this has been admitted of Miss Fanny, the stern fact still remains that her allotted world was a narrow world, and that her efforts were under the ban of a severe circumstantial veto.

She was scarcely more than eighteen when I first spent a day of successful and exhilarating blue-fishing with my friend Jack Gramercey in his yacht, on Long Island Sound. At evening we disembarked just where Jack's beautiful estate of White Sand shelves its pure beach down to the sea, from a lawn so green and trim that I fancy a stray daisy would glare discreditably on its neat slopes, and entered his ancestral home by that dire portice of his, with its appailing Grecian pillars of white-painted wood. Jack knows very well how I loathe that portico, reared as an insult to architecture by one of his Knickerbocker grandfathers. He used to argue with me that it was not dire, but he does so no longer. He once urged, in the heat of dispute, that it was Ionic, and I dare say my laugh was impertinently shrill. As there are a good many horrors of the same sort on Long Island and in Westchester County, Jack felt himself privileged to cheaply accuse me of sneering at my own land with random satire, because it wasn't Europe. We nearly had a quarrel, then, over that awful travesty on the calm. grand Greek style by which one is permitted to enter the most hospitable and lovely interior that I know. But something saved us from a quarrel, that day; if I rightly remember, it was some turn of phrase that I made about an American Parthenen, to which my friend replied by a sombrely unwilling giggle that ruined his cause and made us shake hands in armistice if not precisely truce.

On this special evening we passed from the yacht under the bastard portico without an arrière pensée of former disputes. Perhaps we were both too welcome dinner which awaited us. At dessert, over our coffee and cigars, Jack rather drowsily murmured something about " a hop at the hotel," that same evening.

"I know what 'a hop' means, Jack," I said, some what airily, " and I think it such a hateful, petty little word when used to tell of men and women meeting together for a social dance that I devoutly regret it is an Americanism. But as for the 'hotel,' I confess that I don't at all know about that. How long since there has been a hotel within miles of your White Beach ?"

"Oh, ages," said Jack. "We'll drive over, if you may so. It's a drowsy, disconsolate old building, with a ball-room that has a wain-seding painted Delaware, taking the oath, and doing unmerous | here at 'leven dollars a week, then, I'd like to know

other memorable acts." I found Jack's sketch of the ball-room by no mens

the refusal. Her gesture indicated a distinct

When I was presented to her, and had talked with her a little while, I concluded that she was not at all handsome. She had not a perfect feature in her face, nor even a suggestion of beauty as regarded coloring. I must now use an almost amazing word with which to describe her, and I would not use it if I could conscientiously substitute any other, in calm and soft. Then she stretched out her hand my capacity of faithful chronicler. It is the word "cleanliness." Everything about the girl expressed the idea of an extreme physical purity. She had faltered. not a hint of coquetry; her eyes were a neutral and rather rayless gray; her figure was not striking in outline; her hands and arms were not moulded at had, and I don't think I am backward in giving all exceptionally; although she was not awkward help where I believe a good woman needs it.

in the least, you would never have called her We both saw Mrs. Williams reseil a little while graceful; in her dress she gave no impression of attempted adernment; and yet when you looked | mg insolence from her abominable offspring. But apon her you somehow felt that the freshness of | wo moved away, nevertheless, and I suppose that I maidenhood had never been more charmingly em- was responsible for changing our quarters from the bedied in a feminine shape. A little later, while we talked together, I leaned in my interest perhaps a trifle wearer to her face than the etiquette of this it may have been by day. hotel "hep" allowed. And as I did so I chught a waftere of the breath which came from her somewhat | pillars in dusky, scented taugles. A late moon had large mouth, with its two rows of clear white, even teeth. That little moment made me think of thyme, disc giving it the pathos of some far, strange, rained clover, new-mown grass. It is an absurd thing to world. But its beams were strong enough to make record, I know, but I devoutly do not want it to be a path of mild splendor on the sleeping Sound, and deemed a coarse thing. And I place it thus in my portraiture of Fanny Williams because I believe it will make her fascination more plan to those who the unseen boughs of the foliage, with that tender will affirm that a gut who is only to be described in | melody which is perhaps the most spiritual of all negatives must of necessity have no fascination | nature's many rhythmic voices.

whatever. She spoke with great volubility. But she was far from being garrulous in a silly way. It struck me that she had made up her mind concerning everything she said. There were no half-way measures in her converse. She distiked the "hotel"(I think it was called "The Pavilion" or "The Beach se," or something like that) and roundly as terted her dislike. She was entirely discontented with her present surroundings. She envied the people at Newport. Did I know Newport ? Oh, yes, she felt sure that I must, for I had the manner of knowing " all about nice people."

To my amazement this little unforescen compliment made me almost tingle with gratification. She paid me a few more, during the evening, with similar results. She somehow made me decide that I had said a number of clover things to her, though on afterward recalling our conversation I felt assured that she herself had talked with scarcely a breath-

ing-space. During the next few minutes I learned that she was a graduate of Mrs. Laurent's wellknown school in Fifty-eighth-st. She knew Tilly This and Jenny That. Did I know them? Some of them were my cousins, others were friends of my cousins, and still others I had met in their first

New-York season, of the previous year. "Oh, yes, it was very gay last winter, was it not?" burried Miss Williams, after permitting from me an allusion to the social gayeties of former months. "I heard a good deal about all that was going on. And now that I remember, I heard of Oh, yes, of course-Carrie Houston told me that she led the german with you at that great Delmonico ball given by the Ostvanders last year."

" Carrie Houston is also a sort of consin of mine, I said. I sometimes feel an actual diffidence at confessing the immensity of my New-York

"Is she? Oh, yes. Now that you mention it, I think that she told me so. Carric had such a lovely time. I saw her the next day. She totd me . Well, mamma ?"

That "Well, mamma," on the part of poor Fanny Williams acted for me as a burst of revelation. "Mamma" had just approached her daughter by

a sort of detour. I did not see the new-comer until

She was a lady of about forty. She did not wear a worsted shawl; indeed, the dark plainness of her garb looked as if even so commonplace an embellishment would have seemed unduly fantastic there. She had a face that bore no resemblance to her daughter's except in a certain vague expression about the eyes, which made it possible to concede that she might be Fanny's mother. It was the nearest approach to a perfectly square face that I ever recollect seeing; either temple and either jaw just missed describing an actual point, or corner. The chin was so unnecessarily long that you wondered whether some enthusiast on the origin of species could not give it a distinct scientific reason met her. It was quite a fortuitous meeting. I had for existing. But the whole sallow and highcheeked visage was withat so melancholy that it put me in mind of a jaded omnibus horse, which has all sorts of secret grudges against its driver, its bit and the extensive patronage of its particular " line." I soon found that Mrs. Williams was as much dis-

satisfied and distraite as I had rapidly predicated of "Oh, yes, Mr. Manhattan," she said to me, after Fanny had made us known to one another. "I dare say you do think the hop is nice. Young folks usu-

ally like hops; I did when I was a girl." It ilashed across me what an abnormal, equin girl the lady would have made. Her voice seemed to complete my parallel; it was a kind of doleful. whinny. But its complaint had no trace of weakness; it was querulous without being at al pathetic. You at once perceived that it could rebuke no less than lament, that it could scold, exact I do love her, and shall love her, no matter what she threaten or saturize all in the same lugubrious key And it was a very nasal voice indeed; it was la roiz pleucnicheuse to perfection, pealing from a decidedly American organ.

Mrs. Williams now looked at her daughter and proceeded: "Fanny, here, thinks it elegant fun to prance and gallivant round this room, sir, and pay no more attention to her poor ma'n'r if I was in Kamskattica" (I give the lady's pronunciation just as it left-I was about to say her nostrils). "Well I s'pose it's half my fault and half her poor dead We sent her to a fashnuble school-Maddom Laureng's, where she was taught more French flummery than you can shake a stick at, and made anxions for the welcome change of linen and the to consider her swell girl-friends of more consequence 'n her own flesh-and-blood."

I looked at Fanny. I expected to see her bathed in blushes of mortification at this shockingly itlbred speech. But her color had not varied in the least. I thought, however, that her smile, which had notably deepened, hid a positive distress, and that she had made it both deepen and brighten from this cause.

"Why, mamma," she said, very amiably, "I' supposed you were having a pleasant chat with Mrs. Told. You seemed to be getting on charmingly to gether."

"Humph!" said Mrs. Williams. "I guess you know by this time, Frances, that I think that woman about the vulgarest piece I've come a in shiny drab, like an ancient cupboard, and some in years. "Why, she's always bragging bout her evil prints on its walls, of Washington crossing the house in town an her servants. Wat's she doing She she wits me all on edge, that woman does. An' you w'isked oft an' left me with her, 'cause you was too caustic a one, when we both entered it, about asked by that little w'ippersnapper of a w'at's his two hours later. I suppose there must have been at least sixty people present. Lat once noticed a preponderance of charly laties with worsted shawls.

They sat glued against the drab wainscoting in the dirt under that girl's feet. I don't eare if the

smile had wholly gone; her face had taken a sad knowledge of her own mind, even on this trivial and keenly weary look; I almost imagined there was a gleam of despair in the gaze that she momentarily turned upon my own. But her restraint, her equipoise, her command of everything like anger, resentment or even annoyance, was something truly magnificent. I felt myself-by a swift intuition-in the presence of a brave, splendid little creature.

She met her mother's spiteful glance with onand laid it lightly on my arm. "Will you come with me . . somewhere else?" she

I gave her my arm instantly. It was one of the

we moved away-as if this departure were a crownhot, ugly little ball-room, a few miuntes later, to a long, low piazza, charming enough now, whatever

Some dense honeysuckles clung to the rails and risen, and lay near the horizon, with its red, broken to show us one or two ceric sails in the lighted offing. Out on the lawn a salty breeze was waving

"I am very sorry that you did not ask me to conaway sooner," I said to Fanny Williams, and I felt her hand tremble a little against my arm while I spoke. "I would gladly have gone with you."

to show so much quiet sympathy with me. . . Now, pray do not say that you have not shown it, for if I was terribly mortified. She becomes perfectly reckless before people, at times, and nearly always when I least expect her to be so. I think these moods have grown upon her since my father died. was one of her moods. She has them now and then.

about four years ago. It is not true that I neglect her. I do everything that I can. Your consin Carrie Houston, knows that; I am sure she will telt you if you ask her. I have a number of real, true friends in her set, as I may say. I love the refined pleasure that makes up so much of their life. I should like to be one of them-to have the sam harmless happiness which they enjoy. And they are so good about it, too; they have offered to get me invitations to places; they have even procured them for me; they are my warm, devont friends- an important hearing on the judge's decision. One about seven or eight of them. I could tell you their of the experts in handwriting, who was hired by names, and I am sure you would know them all. Mr. Sharon at large pay, was brought into court Dut it is of no use. My mather would make my and forced to testify against his employer, He de life a misery if I went where she did not. As it is, I clared that the word "wife" in the letters ad have to be almost claudestine in my visits to these | dressed "My Dear Wife" was written by the same girls. They are my 'swell friends,' as you heard her | naud which wrote the other words. As Mr. Sharon say not long ago. . . I suppose you thought me testified that he wrote "My Dear," the inference is strangely cold under that last attack. But I have obvious. This witness was the only one of the ex-gentle as it was noble and patient. "Then, too," there has been wholesale perjury in testimony on she weat on, "I must always remember that she is both sides, the question for the court will probably

-my mother!" "Good Heavens!" I exclaimed indignantly, "I should think you had every reason for sof remem-bering it! Such a persecution as this is purely monstrous!"

She shook her head in eager negative. "Oh, do not think it is always so!" she answered. "My mother is very pleasant for days. We get along together nicely enough, then; she may be a little exacting, you know, but I don't mind that."

"Indeed!" I answered, unite hotly. "You are saint to endure what you do. I-I have never heard a more vulgar piece of bravado—a more scandalous exhibition of bad taste, than I witnessed this even ing on the part of your-

"Stop," broke in Fanny Williams. The moon light showed me that her eyes were, sparkling, and that her face expressed decided anger now, if it had given no trace of any before. "You have no right to speak in that way!" she

went on, crisply and sternly enough. "That lady, please recollect, is my mother, and you now address her daughter!" After what I had seen and heard, this outburst

struck me as incomprehensible. But of course I changed my tone to one almost of apology, as I said: "True enough, Miss Williams. But you must be

sensible of-" " I am sensible of but one thing," broke in Fanny Williams, with a little stamp of her foot, as grace ful as it was irate. "You must not speak of my mother like that in my presence. None of the girls dare to do it; they know that I would not stand it for an instant! . . Besides," . . (and here Fanny's voice quivered, telling me of the coming tears, that soon came in full flood) " being my own mother, howhow can I help loving her, with all my heart, as-as does, or what she says?"

I half turned away. There was something about alt this that struck me as more than merely lovely.

It was very nearly sublime as well, What might such patience, courage, fidelity, co tinence and self-respect all have resulted in, if Fanny Williams [had [been given 'a wider sphere for their exercise than this sweet heroic endurance of a torturing, termagant mother?

CURING A SNAKE BITE.

HOW A BOWERY SHOWMAN WAS SAVED FROM A HORRIBLE DEATH.

The death of James Reilly, the showman, from the bite of a rattleseake has provoked much dis cussion as to the curative value of whiskey. The general impression is that he did not drink enough, because he did not become intoxicated, and it is asserted that unless the person bitten becomes intoxicated the alcohol does not have much effect on the poison. This case of Edwin M. Worth, a showman who had a museum in the Bowery, where as "the Great Eastern Traveller" he exhibited various rare and curious objects, is one of peculiar interest He had a colony of live rattlesnakes in a glass case, and it was his habit to feed; them at night after the close of the exhibition. Although not profess ing to be a snake-charmer, he was accustomed to enter this case freely and without fear. On the evening of July 7, 1852, he entered the case, and observing the largest of the big serpents moving to and him rather closer than usual, he "showed " at it as one does at a hen, and waved his hand. But instead of being frightened, the routile became anary, and carting at his hand fastened its fanga in his thumb

unds to relax its hold.

Worth was a man about forty-one years of age, not and self-possessed, and he immediately sent strive at fined against the drak wainsecting in the dirt under that girly feet. I don't excel from the dirt under that girly feet. I don't excel from the dirt under that girly feet. I don't excel from the dirt under that girly feet. I don't excel from the dirt under that girly feet. I don't excel from the dirty want to come depression. It seems to me that few of them expressed anything the superbation. I wondered why they did not go to bed, or go chewhere, since they apparently had no conston with the merry title shidten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shidten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shidten who whitelet about too retain the merry of the summer's "Shirpson" ("Shirpson") the superbation. I was not this bole. I was presumably "Malina the summer's "Shirpson" was presumably "Malina the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten when whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry title shirten when the was not about the whole the merry to the shirten who whitelet about the whole the merry to the shirten who whitelet about too retain the merry to the shirten when the whitelet was the shirten when the whitelet was t thimb and the nail were how obea, the hand, flugers and forearm greatly swollen, presenting a peculiarly mottled appearance, green markings on a yellowish ground. A little line water conquered the namesa, and he was then able to retain moderate doses of morphine and whiskey. The temperature of his body was over a hundred degrees, and he became delirious that night, muttering constantly. He was exceedingly weak, his pulse was rapid and feeble, and it seemed that he was sinking fast. Morphine was injected under the skin, and he was kept alive with whiskey and milk. Under this treatment he revived, and notwithstanding the horrible pain he endured, he slept at intervals. This was the night of July 5.

During succeeding days the patient was kept alive by unremitting attention. The temperature of his body rose to 104 degrees, and his nostrils began to bleed and had to be pingged. On July 13 he was given an onne of whiskey every hour, and animonacal hypodermic injections. He then began to improve, the least of his body was lowered, and he became stronger. But the stronger he grew, the

improve, the heat of his body was lowered, and he became stronger. But the stronger he grew, the horser were the pains in his tamb and hand. These were relieved by sprinkling powdered ordination the positives which had been applied continuously since his admission. The following day Worth was much stronger. Small doses of digitalis were given him, and a little morphine was added to his whiskey. The hypodermic nijections ceased, as the normal temperature of the body was restored and all the symptoms promited a speedy reconcy. The coulities were removed from the patient's hand and all the symptoms prom The poulities were removed from the patient's hand and arm, and the t-umb was dressed with Peruvian balsam. It was now found that the thumb was in a complete state of gaugene, and it was necessary to amputate it. He become stronger and stronger, and on the 9th day of September was discharged,

All the above details are taken from the hospital. All the above details are taken from the hospital records, and their accuracy can be relied on.

In the case of Reilly there was never any time when amputation was possible. The poison affected the whole nervous system, and his weakness was such that he would have died under the knife.

Of the late Bishop Wilberforce this story is She was silent for quite a while, as we paced the dim, void piazza. I stole a look at her drooped face. Presently I saw her lift it; and then she said, in tones that were more composed than I had expected to hear:

"It is very good and kind of you, Mr. Manhattan, to show so much quiet sympathy with me. Now, pray do not say that you have not shown if, for if you have not, then I have divined it, and I like to think I have divined it, and I like to think I have divined it, all the same, even if it is not there. My mother was very angry to night; it is not there. My mother was very angry to night; it is not there.

London has been engaged for some time in

TOPICS IN LEADING CITIES.

SAN FRANCISCO. COURT SENSATIONS - POLITICS - CROPS -

LAND SPECULATION.

INV TRUEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. San Francisco, July 26.—Sarah Althea seored a point in the Sharon trial this week which will have be narrowed down to the genuineness of documents and letters, and on this basis the plaintiff has a far better case now than she had last week,

The stranger Hutchings, who coolly delivered himself up last week for murdering his mistress pleaded guilty in court and refused a jury trial, and would have been promptly sentenced to the gallows had not the judge been afraid of the charge that he was "railroading" the prisoner to death. Som lawyers eager for notoriety prevailed upon the er minal to withdraw his plea and demand a trial, so the sentimental jury may have a chance to prolong his life for a year or two.

The Central Pacific Land Office has adopted a plan which ought materially to reduce the frauds of speculators in farming and timber lands by means of "dummy" locators. Large speculators of this city have been able to get control of vast tracts of land, to the great detriment of small settlers. Now the railroad company requires of every applicant that he certify that the land is for his own use and that he will not sell without permission of the land agent. If the applicant does not begin to improve the land within three months of purchase it will be thrown open to the public. Any assignment of land without consent of the land agent will be regarded as abandonment. These conditions are strict but they will have a wholesome effect.

J. B. Cox, who shot McLaughlin, the capitalist has now brought a half-million claim against the state of the murdered man, which is estimated to be worth three millions. The claim has been rejected and the case will come up again in court.

The Republicans in their State Convention at Sacramento this week adopted a platform bringing out strongly the issue of protection in this cam-The convention was harmonious and was paign. The convention was narmontous and was presided over by Mr. Este, who ran against General Stoneman for Governor in the last election. Among the nominations for Congress is that of W. W. Morrow, from the IVth District, an able man who will get the votes of many Democrats, Mr. Sargent refused to allow his name to be used in the Hd District.

A Canadian Commission is now in this city to in-A Canadian Commission is now in the city of quire into Chinese immigration. It will take testimony here of those who have had practical proof of the evil effects of coole importation, and then go to Victoria, B. C. The Dominion Government is averse to ruling out any class of immigrants, but the strong prejudice in British Columbia against the Chinese will no doubt lead to some restrictive mensures.

Elaborate reports from the grain and fruit com-Liaborate reports from the grain and fruit contities in this State show that California may expect this year a sixty million bushed wheat crop, with largest yield of fruit and wine on record. The anly poor crop is hay, which was badly damaged by unseasonable rains in June.

The South American Italian Opera Company has scored a great success here with "Aida" this week. The opera was put on the stage in fine style and the singing of the chief roles was praised by all critics. The sale of seals was large. Comic opera and variety business till the other theatres, with the exception of the Grand Opera House, where Band mann and Louise Beaudet give heavy legitimat

NEW-ORLEANS.

THE CARRIERE FAILURE - SOCIAL AND PERSONAL INV TELEGRAPH TO THE THURST.]

NEW-ORLEANS, July 26.—The funeral of Colonel Frank H. Hatch took place on Sunday last Colonel Hatch was one of the most preminent citizens of New-Orleans, He was Collecter of the Port under President Buchanan, and was conspicuous in all movements, political, commercia and social, for many years before the war, and was connected with many enterprises of a public character since the war. Colonel Hatch was an atheist

been the showing made in the schedules filed by the for the operations of the city selfutions in the change they desire to effect in the street Department.

a case of yellow fever in the city, subsided on the publication of the finding of the commission of physicians who held the autopsy on the body of the victim. Though there was some examenat following the automacement that there was a case here, there was no great alarm manufested anywhere, not even among strangers as the precautions promptly taken by stinging nettles, only much more intense. He suffered from thirst, craving ice all the time, but could not retain any fiscal on his stomach. The thimb and the nail were now black, the band, fingers and forearm greatly swollen, presenting a proved to be yellow fever.

Governor McEnery has during his term of office been called upon to sign a number of death warrants from the courts in different sections of the State, but never has one of them been executed without great pressure being brought to hear by a certain class to have them withdrawn. There was, however, a noticeable absence of anything like silly sentiment in connection with the execution of the two men who were lung here yesterday. The people who have heretofore exerted themselves to secure commutations unde to application on behalf of the miserable men who deed on the scaffold.

CHICAGO.

SUMMER RESORTS-JOURNALISM-SEATS IN SHOPS-POLITICS-LABOR MOVEMENTS. 127 TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUSE !

Cincano, July 26.-Fancy would have to be given wide rein if the claim for Chicago as a sumper resort were to be urged. The past week the air has been heavy, close and sultry, and has occasioned a begins toward the woods and lakes of Wisconsin. These inland lakes have become prosperous summering places owing to the splendid bedrug elerks of this lik, and Mayor Smith is doing an train service, in almost every instance allowing | important public service in the matter. commercial and professional men to reach the city coast has been in no way lessened, it has come to be very nearly the rule for all types of people in triends of Mrs. Johnson (Harriet Lane) are much gratimoderate circumstances to rush off to one of the hundreds of Wisconsin lake resorts for a short respite. The temperature at nearly all of them marks but was taken to Wheatland by the late Mr. Johnson. tages of big trees, pure air, boating and fishing. tions that a Special service has been organized and is regularly maintained during the three hot months by the railway companies, and the word comea from the Northwestern roads that it is greater the present season than was ever known before.

The least contact that was ever known before.

called out a proposed municipal enactment providing that the charge for carrying a passenger one mile or less shall not exceed 25 cents, and two

miles, or over one mile, 40 cents. Another proposed ordinance is that compelling retailing establishments and manufactories to provide stools or chairs for the women and girls in their employ. This latter enactment was provoked by the treatment accorded their help by one or two prominent retail establishments and the facts com-

The printing of wood etchings has developed into a sort of craze among the daily journals of this city, all the leading ones with a single exception having dropped into the practice, and in the case of one or two there appears to be no limit to their diss-trating propensities. In addition to his usual quali-fications, it is now essential that the local reporter should be a sketch artist as well.

The various departments of the city government are preparing to move into the new City Hall. The municipal departments for the past thirteen years, ever since the great fire, have occupied quarters in what has been known as "The Rookery," a miserwhat has been known as "The Rookery," a miserable structure and inconvenient for the public in every way. The new City Hall is ample in every way for the accommodation of all the departments. The dimensions of the assembly room for the City Council are forty by ninety feet, unbroken by pillars. The removal of the effices will begin fiext week.

The holding of a Labor Convention is announced to occur in this city on July 30. The projectors contend that the attendance will be very great and that its action will have great influence in the pending political battle. The Democratic leaders of the West view with very considerable alarm any movement among the working classes, in the fear that they may declare for protection, and, naturally, the Republican platform. The defection of the Irish under the leadership of Finerty and others has already proven sufficiently serious without provoking the protection issue among the working

people. Others assert that the coming meeting is to be strictly in the interest of Butler.

Speaking of protection, Carter Harrison, in gratefully accepting the nomination for Governor, says he indexes all the planks of the free trade Democratic State platform, and has not one word in defence of his former statements about protection as especially outlined in his frommis Club speech. fence of his former statements about protection as especially outlined in his Iroquois Club speech.

The business of all the theatres the past week has been very light. About the only attractions to com-mand large audiences are the summer night con-certs.

The cholera scare has extended here to the extent The cholera scare has extended here to the extent of putting the health department on its mettle, and the unclean sections of the city are receiving its serious attention. Several of the newspapers have detailed special representatives to go on "slumming missions," and as a consequence the plague spots of the city are being gradually ascertained. One of the discoveries has been that of the frightful squalor of the Italian quarter, remote only a short block from Michigan-ave, and which is now receiving the consideration of the authorities. The pumping works of the city have been employed assidnously pouring pure lake water into the redolent Chicago River, and for once in its history that stream has taken on a greenish tinge.

The strike of the bricklayers in New-York naturally caused considerable talk among the work-men here, but as far as can be leatned there are no premonitions of a similar move in this city.

A careful canvass of the mercantile interests of the city furnishes at least the expression of great faith in the fall trade outlook.

ROSTON.

MUNICIPAL WRANGLES-BUSINESS AFFAIRS FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, July 26.-Municipal politics have flared up into activity again. This week the deadlook on the nominations of the Reform Democratic Mayor, held meanfirmed by the Irish Democratic city bosses' control of the Common Council, was broken by the surrouder of the Aidermen in the case of Superintendent of Streets. Thereby hangs a long tall of Aldermanic indiscretion 1 ontracting, made use of by the Democratic City Commilitee to twist an Alderman from his hitherto stout allegiance to the Mayor. The Common Conneil have been investigating such of the Aldermen as they wished to ter orize. Now the Aldermen also have taken a band at inestigation in order to catch those who have surrendered o the bosses. Mayor Martin took the floor after the rupture of the deadlock and triumph of the bosses has seen consummated, and roundly denounced the whole been consummer.

In this city. This has called out a protest against the breach of magis. ertal decorum in the Mayor's honest bluntness and warmth of expression, but public opinion, outside that of Demogratic political circles, teartify indorses and sus-tains bits in calling the City Hall ring's performance by

The gas warfare is waging at the same time, and the bold counsel of the interloping company are shrowdly trying to avail themselves of the opportunity to involve their opponents in the investigations going on.

The commission to revise the city charter has got to work and began a series of bearings intended to bring to light all the pleas allost in the community on the subject. As used a varied assertment of cranky suggestions are ery radical in the way of a new departure. The State Civil Service Commission has received a check in getting into operation by the Democratic members of the Governor's Council requesting that the confirmation of the The sensation in business circles this week has ing. But this is only a dadac to gain a little longer time.

The town was statled to hear on Thursday morning that the hears excursion steambout Empire State, which frequently takes out parties of 2,000, and struck a rock between Thateher Island and the mainland. Bappily the beat filled slowly and the pessencers were landed at Glorester. But it was a narrow escape, as the Empire State was built in 1848 and cannot be expected to hold

out forever.

The business event of the mouth is the conclusion of the managers of all the great estion militard New-England, except the Amoskraz, to shall down production till the stock on hand is largely diminished. This is a decision that has been anticipated, and might as well mave been reached mouths ago. It appears that, singularly enough, the Parric Muls, which have been dragged through manningfortune during the past three years and more, have been making bendsome profits during this year of general disaster, and are the only ones that can show such a record.

Frinity Church people and all residents of the Back hay interested in preserving the beauty of Copley Square-on which nee the chires, the Art Museum and the site of the new Public Library binding, have been disappointed to find that the church of previde ownership to a small flat-ic on piece of land latting into the square has been con-diting by the courts. The church of city must buy out the owner at whatever cost, or the flacet show of public buildings in the city will be hable to sad disfigurement.

PHILADELPHIA.

DRUG REFORM-PERSONAL AND SOCIAL-JOURNALISTIC.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. PHILADELPHIA, July 26,-Mayor Smith, in demanding assurance that the low of 1872, requiring druggists to coupley as resistants graduates of colleges of How far the law has been ignored can only be suspected but that it will be followed to the letter in reafter every body is satisfied. The uncertainty of a clerk in a drug store is a most alarming matter. A year or so ago I asked in an apotherary's for a small bottle of squals and paregorie. That is a very simple preparation, but it gave a great deal of trouble to the young man behind the rounter. He glauced doubtfully along the shelves, took down several great bottles one after the other, held each to the right, and put it back again. He stratefied his

There was no fittle adverse comment on the fact that a short notice. While the pilgranage to the sea- the belongings of the late President James furchanan should have been sent here for sale at anction, and the

as high as in the city, but they possess the advan- 2 There is to be organized here the Pennsylvania Catholic Historical Society. Brinton Coxe, president of the Penn sylvania Historical Society, gives the project generon

present season than was ever known before.

The legal contest which is waging for the control of The Chicago Times, growing out of the infirmities, of its aged owner, is made a subject of daily and extended mention in the local press. The counsel curplived to represent Mrs. Storey on one side, and the blood relatives of Mr. Storey on the other, are making what appears on the surface to be a strong fight for their cleats, but the fact is well understood that the contest is simply one to altain control of the journal by certain people who in reality have no present actual claim upon the paper in any way.

The introduction of the cab system here has

SOME MEN ABOUT TOWN.

I understand that Mr. Ferdinand Ward takes exception to that part of the reperted conversation with Mr. Ra dolph Aronson which represented him as expecting to get out of Ludiow Street Jatl in a fortnight. I am delighted to know that he has no such hopes or expecta-tions. I shall be surprised if Mr. Ward gets out in say, eral months and disappointed if he does not exchange his laxurious prison spartments for a State's Prison coil. His offences morti much severer punishment than help likely to receive.

Ex-Attorney-General Daniel Pratt, who has just died at lyraques, bore to his dying day a great grulge against Samuel J. Tillen. The hatred was engendered in 1972 when Prait entered into office as Attorney General of this state. Mr. Tilden was anxious to have Charles 8, Fairchild appointed as Pratt's deputy, and through various persons, especially Affeed Wilkinson, banker of Syp acuse, succeeded in inducing Pratt against his fueling, tions to make Fairchild instead of a friend of his own for the place. He did this to my personal knowledge with great reluctance, and only on the strongest assurances that Mr. Tilden desired it. At that time Tilden was the great political power of the State, and disobed; such a matter would have been death to any political hopes which the Attorney-General might have tained. But his acquiescence was quite as fatal. Palechild was no sooner in office than he assumed almost ab solute control of the business of the Department, and be gan to intrigue for the succession. And he got it, too, and thus not only nullified poor old Pratt while in office but actually drove him out of political life. Pratt never forgave Tilden.

I find Brooklyn Democrats are calculating and offering bet on from 5,000 to 15,000 majority for Cleveland Kings County. He had nearly 40,000 two years ago, while Tilden had 18,000 in 1876 when the State wen 30,000 Democratic. Hancock had 9,000 majority is 1880 when the State went Republican by 22,000. A prominent Democrat recently claimed that "that mas in Orange street" was "good for 4,000 Republican votes for Cieveland," but I reminded him that Mr. Bescher was not furnishing an acceptable code of free trade as well as codes of religion and morality to benighted Brooklynites

Mr. Beecher has repeatedly risen up in meeting and indignantly protested against the language out into his nouth by reporters. Just now there seems to be grave necessity for him to act in the same direction with special regard to his alleged utterances in The Herald and The Brooklyn Eagle, which The World copies, errors and all as if it were its own report. Mr. Beecher frequently sad rifices common sense to epigrammatic expressions to his sermons and lectures, but I do not believe he ever deliber ately insulted the intelligence of his hearers—as he is repesented in The Hagle-World co-operative report to have done-by calling General John A. Logan a Bardolph among soldiers. It is, perhaps, perfectly natural that these two organs of the Democratic party, which has deliberate y ignored the soldiers in its platform, resolutions and nominations, should take the cue from their convention; but they will have to invent a great many terviews before they can convince me and many others of Henry Ward Boecher's personal admirers that he ever thus grossly insulted a popular military leader's faithful followers.

So far as I can learn Mr. Beecher has thus far authors tailvely stated his opposition to Blaine and Logas to be based solely on the face that they represent the prindples of Protection, while he is in favor of Free Trate. These are principles on which Mr. Beecher can honestly differ not only from Mr. Blaine but from a great many of his own congregation without breaking it up and without throwing the whole Republican party in the part of the country in which he has the most influence into the arms of Free-Trade Democracy.

The length of Mr. Blaine's letter of acceptance is the nly serious flaw which Democrats with whom I have talked seem to find to it. They won't argue against ble theories, and decline to dispute his statements of facts. I have half suspected that the objection they urge as to length is an excuse in advance for the bravity of the prisciples and the paucity of facts to be given in Governor Coveland's letter accepting the Democratic non-

One objection urged in Democratic newspapers to Mr. Bialoe's letter of acceptance is that one passage expressive of his ideas of the nobility of American citizenship is singularly like expressions used by Washington. Well, I think nobedy is going to object to an American candidate for the Presidency of the United States solely because he resembles George Washington in any particular

treet and the Stock Exchange. This idea of him is based upon no fancled resemblance to Oscar Wilde, or upon any adichness in the style of the dross, but rather upon the taste displayed by Mr. Clows in the gordens ecoration and furnishing of his offices. I am told that strangers of both sexes visiting New York are making it a point to see three places in the city before going e here-the Bridge, the Hoffman House Caté, and Heavy Clewa's banking offices.

John N. Abbott, of the Eric Hailroad, is fast becoming agents of the country, no withstanding his youthful appearance. He has now been nearly a score of years the Eric office, and it has been under his direction as passenger agent that the road has so greatly increased its travelling facilities, and consequently augmented its popularity. Mr. Abbott was one of the men whom Mr. Jewest found in the Eric office when he became president, and is one of the few he kept there in responsible positions. Mr. Abbot several years ago ma ried the ughter of ex Justice and ex-Police Comanissioner Hugh Gardner.

The practised pickpocket raises the cry of " stop thief" when in flight wi h his booty. The tactics of "Mother" Mandelbaum and her counsel in attacking the District-Actorney and the Pinkerton detectives who collected evidence against and arrested her are patterned after those of the thief. The breaking up of the gang of burglars and thieves whose operations have been directed by this woman is a work to which Mr. Olner ought to devote his best energies, for there are no worse corruptors of the youth of both sexes than the stolen goods. They lead youth into temptations of all kinds.

The decision of Judge Freedman in the suit of Mcs. Townsend Percy against John McCaull and Townsend Percy for royalties due on "The Queen's Lice Handker-onief" is only dilatory justice to a deserving woman whose own mency was invested in the parchase of property which her divarced husband has been enjoying. Percy has, in the meantime, been compelled to support herself by singing in the choras of "Falka." Considerable sums as royalties have account ated in the hands of Mr. McCaull since he was a pointed a year ago from paying any further royalifes to Townsend Percy, and these will now go to Mrs. Percy. Amer: Weber, ic., gonranteed the payment of the alimeny granted her when she was divorced from Percy, but payments long since caused. The lady gets great credit among her friends for her plack and pertinacity in pushing this case, and her recent bearing as a witness in the trial before Judge Freedman is still the subject of admiring comment among the court officials. Mr. Percy is in the opera boulle line of management.

The World, I perceive, has heard the news published by you a week ago that Butler is going to run. in that event a class of D mocrats in this city will be found ready to water that Blaine will carry both Kings and New York countles.

Denis Burns, one of the deputies of the County Clerk and a Cleveland man, is still a power in the old Sexib Ward, which usually gives a Democratic majority pretty nearly equal to the total vote. He is popularly knows at the "Member from Sigo," and is a great favorite with all ages, and I may add, with both sexes, in the ward. He was telling me on Friday of his disgust at the outlook for Cleveland in the Sixth Word, and mentions amone other significant facts that of cleves roung frish-Americans who cust their maiden votes at this election "every young rappealtion of them means to vete for Blaine," Further inquiry elicited that they were infinenced solely by Mr. Blains's record and semiments on the question of citizens' rights abroad.

Ex-Alderman Thomer is one of the many Democrats who belong to no particular hall but who have say political faith opposition to John Reily. I seked him what course such Democratic Independents as he is tended to take, "If Butler deesn't run," he said, "I don't know what we shall do I can't support this was Cleveland." He added that the scalinest among he young frish-Americans who belong to the somerous cel lege and other societies in this city was nineat general

"You cannot control the Irish vote," said a young Brockiya Democrat aliached personally and in busines Matters to William C. Kingslay, who has aboost equa power in Brooklyn with "Boas" M. Louybilla. is unbody to deliver it to the Republicans." It seemed is me that this was precisely the fundamental binners which the Democrate are making. The more were of the trial, and particularly the Iriah Americans who have mat came of age, leward Blaine is apostuneous, needs no made directing, and requires no manipulation to deliver it